

PLANNING YOUR STUDIES - ZOOM INFORMATION SESSION IN ENGLISH AUGUST 12, 2025

Question	Answer
May we choose electives from other faculties?	Yes you can take electives from other Aalto schools and other departments in the School of Business. Most courses are open for all Aalto students but in School of Arts there might be courses that are not open for all. You should also check in the course description if there are any recommended prerequisites for the course to see if it's suitable for you.
For my minor, can I choose courses from different "pre-made minor compilations", or does my minor have to be one specific pre-determined package of courses?	If you want to complete a minor, then you must choose the courses from the minor's offering. You need to follow the minor's instructions.
How many credits do you recommend per period? Is it too much to have 20 cr in the first period or is it manageable	Recommendation is about 12 cr per one period. This means about 2 x 6 cr courses. It also depends on the course how much time you need but we recommend not to take too many courses to be able to focus on the courses that you have chosen.
I cannot find compulsory courses in my course plan	Some of the compulsory courses are added in the study plan template automatically but some courses you need to add by yourself.
Could I have more than 36 credits in my study electives, like for languages courses, and can I not include it in my final degree?	The amount of electives depends on the amount of compulsory (and possible minor) studies. In the final degree you can have 120 credits plus one course.
Is there a way to check the timeline of the courses before selecting? In terms that I would not want to take courses that are overlapping	Not really before selecting courses to the study plan. You can select the courses to the plan > then click the course code and select the teaching > then go to Study calendar tab and you can see the lectures in the calendar. This way you can check how the lectures go in your schedule.
I want to take a capstone course in my second year. How do I know if it will be offered in the next curriculum? Or I must take it in the first year?	All mandatory courses will be offered also in the next curriculum. If the programme makes changes to their offering there will be a corresponding course. Your programme's planning officer will inform the programme's students if there will be changes that affect them.
What is the different between elective studies and elective accounting studies? It always returns error when choosing minor in financing and some more courses related to business analytics in electives field	Elective Accounting studies are optional courses in the programme studies of the Accounting programme. If you take a look at the curriculum of the programme, you can see that in addition to the mandatory courses, you need to select 30 cr from a specific list. In addition to the programme studies, the degree includes elective studies which can be any courses or can include a minor.
Can we take open university courses from other universities? And how do we add them to the plan?	You can take open university courses from other universities which you need to pay by yourself. It is your own risk if we are going to approve them in your degree in Aalto. After completing the course you need to apply for credit transfer. You can add the course now in your plan as a study draft and then apply for credit transfer after completing the course.
How is it determined which courses are included in your degree and which ones are not, when you exceed 120 credits by more than one course?	You can choose them yourself: the ones in your primary study plan when you apply for graduation are included in the degree. Of course, the studies need to meet the programme requirements.
Some minors only offer 24 credits. How can I complete 30-36 credits of elective studies?	You can choose individual course in addition to the minor. For some minors, you can also complete more than 24 cr.
The compulsory courses, are those in the same period for everyone in that particular course, for ex. will all finance people have compulsory courses in same period	Some of the courses may be offered twice a year; you can see the periods in the course description in Sisu. If the course is offered once a year, most likely all the programme students will be taking it at the same time.

If I want to do an exchange, how do I find courses and stuff from other universities and add it to my PSP?	There will be Exchange semester infos later in the fall/winter, and you will be get instructions at the infos. You will receive information about the infos in the periodical student newsletter. You can find Business Schools partner universities from the destination database and can then look them up. All information regarding exchanges studies can be found from the Student Guide: https://www.aalto.fi/en/other-studies/exchange-studies
If I want to do an exchange, how do I find courses and stuff from other universities and add it to my PSP?	You will add on your study plan an International minor and under it you will add a study draft of 24cr named Exchange studies (you don't add exchange courses individually).
I got an error on the courses I registered for, why is that?	The course is not in the primary study plan or the study plan contains a different version of the course. You can correct the situation either by adding the course to the study plan or by updating the version of the course. The course version can be updated by opening the course information sheet in the study plan and changing the version. Make sure you have the course in your primary study plan. And make sure you have the newest version of the course selected. See page 21 here: https://www.aalto.fi/sites/default/files/2025-05/Sisu-HOPS-PSP-masters_2024.pdf
Do we need to registrate for an seporate exam? Is it automatically included in lecture?	When you register for the course, you also register for the exam (course exam) at the same time. If you want to participate in the retake, you need to register for it separately.
Am I allowed to take as many courses as I like but upon graduation only 120 credits plus at most one additional course will count toward my degree? In other words I can take more courses but not all of them will be counted—is that correct?	Yes, this is correct! The extra courses will show on a transcript of records which you can upload from Sisu at anytime. So even though the extra courses won't be on transcript that comes with the degree certificate, they don't disappear anywhere :)
Can we drop courses after registration or during teaching if we decide it is too time-consuming or does not meet my interests?	Try to take only that amount of courses that you handle and that you want to finish. If there is a late cancellation period on the course you can cancel your registration during that period and someone else can get your spot. After that you can withdraw the course by yourself in Sisu. It is recommended to do as soon as you know you can't finish the course.
What happens if there is no seats available? Does that mean that one need to take less courses that term?	Some courses may have limited seats and there is a prioritization order based on how students are accepted. If a course is mandatory for your programme, you're likely guaranteed or prioritized for a seat. For elective courses (e.g., from another programme), acceptance isn't guaranteed. Always wait until registration ends, as some courses may admit more students than seats available. You'll see your final registration status in Sisu a few days after the registration period ends.
So it is first come first serve? Or will it only be decided on 25.8 if I made it into the course?	We do not use the registration time as a factor for accepting students to courses. Always wait until registration ends, to be sure of if you've gotten a seat on the course. You'll see your final registration status in Sisu a few days after the registration period ends.
Hello, I cant login to my aalto accout because my IP is from Iran, as I will come Finland on last week of August. how can I login from my home country, Iran?	Please contact IT services (contact information: https://www.aalto.fi/en/it-for-students#0-it-service-desk---your-first-point-of-contact-for-all-issues). They can help you in any user account related issues.
If we are planning to do an exchange semester, do we still add courses to the plan for that period? Or do we RPL them once the exchange is over?	Student exchange usually takes either autumn or spring semester in your second year. Don't select courses from Aalto for that semester but you can add the study draft (24 cr) to your study plan. Then you will plan the exchange studies later when you know the exchange university.

How about if the studies are outside of my study plan?	If you want to get on courses, you need to have the course on your study plan. After the course is completed, and not mandatory to your degree, you can delete it from your study plan. This way, it won't be included in your degree. If you have completed some studies elsewhere you'd like to include in your degree, you need to do this via credit transfer.
So for now I only register for the courses in period 1 and for the other periods I just leave them in my study plan without doing the registration. Is that correct?	Yes, you will register for the period 2's courses during its registration period, and so forth. So every period has its own course registration period before the period.
Is it possible to switch majors during my studies? For example, if I later find that I don't belong in accounting, could I switch to finance, ISM, or marketing? Or we can only change minor	If you graduated from Mikkeli campus (BSc degree) you could apply for changing the programme. If you were selected in the master's admissions from outside of Aalto then it's not possible to change. You would need to apply again to a different programme in the master's admissions.
I have two compulsory courses on my course plan. Can I add more?	Yes, you can add more yourself.
When will we meet our planning officer? Or is there information somewhere?	You should have received an email from your planning officer last week (between 6-8 Aug). You can also see their name in the Student Guide on your programme's page in the Contact section. They will be present in the programme-specific info session offered online and you will also meet them on campus during the Orientation week.
If I take 150 ECTS in total, will only 120 be weighted for the GPA, or will all 150 ECTS be included?	If you complete 150 ECTS and choose 120 credits to include in your degree, only the courses on your final study plan (120 cr) will count toward your degree GPA when you apply for graduation. However, all completed courses will appear on your study transcript. You can download a transcript from Sisu at any time during your studies, showing all completed courses and their GPA. The final GPA on your degree certificate will only reflect the courses included in your study plan at graduation.
Where can I see a calendar for the whole 2025-2026 study year? To see the holidays and the periods' start and end dates.	Here you can find the calendar: https://www.aalto.fi/en/student-guide/academic-calendar .
Later on, if I decide to go on exchange, will the credits transferred from there be marked as "Pass" rather than with grades/points?	Yes, the exchange studies will be marked as passed - not as numerical grades.
If I have two courses that happen to overlap in schedule for just one week, how should I do in this situation? Thanks	This depends on the courses if they have compulsory lectures. If the lectures are not compulsory then you could miss one lecture from either of the courses. If lectures are overlapping every week you might need to consider changing one of the courses.
When making your study plan, are you expected to make the plan for the whole degree (two years) or just the upcoming period?	Right now you need to add only the courses you are planning to take now. However you are expected to plan your studies for the whole degree during the next couple months (for most programmes the deadline is end of October). The plan can be changed later on if needed.
Is the language study still mandatory if I am foreigner but have completed bachelor in AMK?	No, you do not need to complete language studies in your Master's degree if you have included the required language studies in your previous degree.